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SUBJ: RATSIRAKA INAUGURATED AS PRESIDENT ON JANUARY 4: PROSPECTS  
OF NEW GDRM FOR THE FUTURE

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1. DIDIER RATSIRAKA WAS INAUGURATED AS FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE NEW DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR ON SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 4, BEFORE AN ASSEMBLAGE OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND A TOKEN GROUP OF RED-SHIRT-CLAD YOUNG ACTIVISTS WHO RAISED THEIR FISTS AT APPROPRIATE TIMES DURING THE CEREMONY. INVESTITURE WAS PRECEDED BY INTRODUCTORY REMARKS MADE BY GENERAL GILLES ANDRIAMHAZO, WHO HAD SERVED AS CHIEF OF STATE FEB.-JUNE 1975, AND DISSERTATION BY PAPAL NUNCIO IN HIS ROLE OF DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

2. RATSIRAKA FIRST SPOKE IN MALAGASY, ADDRESSING HIMSELF TO THE DOMESTIC SITUATION AND HOW HE WOULD DEAL WITH IT, PRESENTING HIS THRUST IN VAGUE GENERALITIES. IMMEDIATELY THERE-  
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AFTER, IN IMPECCABLE FRENCH, HE ADDRESSED THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS

AND DISCOURSED FIRST ON THE THE OBJECTIVES OF HIS SOCIALIST  
REVOLUTION AND THEN ON HIS VIEWS TOWARDS THE WORLD AT LARGE. HE  
TOOK THE USUAL POT SHOTS AT COLONIALISM, IMPERIALISM, AND CAPITALISM  
AND DECLARED: A) THE GDRM WILL FOLLOW AN "OMNI-DIRECTIONAL"  
FOREIGN POLICY;

B) "SCRUPULOUS RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF" NON-INTERFERENCE IN  
THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES EXCEPT AS IT PERTAINS  
TO AID FOR THE POOR COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD;

C) SUPPORT FOR ALL NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS;

D) "WE WILL STRUGGLE FOR THE DECOLONALIZATION AND COMPLETE LIBER-  
ATION OF AFRICA, ASIA, MIDDLE EAST AND LATIN AMERICA;

E) SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE  
AGAINST THE RACIST AND MINORITY REGIMES OF SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA;

F) SUPPORT FOR THE MPLA, ADDING THAT "WE WILL DO EVERYTHING TO  
HELP THE OTHER MOVEMENTS IN ANGOLA TO RETURN TO THE RIGHT PATH";

G) SUPPORT FOR THE STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTIAN PEOPLE;

H) "THAT THE PROBLEMS OF KOREA CAN BE RESOLVED ONLY BY IN-  
DEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF THE TWO SIDES AND BY THE  
DEPARTURE OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS";

I) SUPPORT FOR THE DISMANTLEMENT OF ALL FOREIGN BASES IN THE  
INDIAN OCEAN PARTICULARLY DIEGO GARCIA.

3. COMMENTS WILL FOLLOW.SHEINBAUM

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